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<b>All People</b>	<b>300,880</b>	<b>48,297</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>303,547</b>	<b>50,115</b>	<b>1,062</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>305,271</b>	<b>51,588</b>	<b>1,074</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>Race and Hispanic Origin</b>															
White <sup>3</sup>	240,232	34,237	813	14.3	0.3	241,634	35,129	949	14.5	0.4	242,467	35,994	894	14.8	0.4
White, non-Hispanic <sup>4</sup>	197,081	22,665	630	11.5	0.3	197,298	23,091	643	11.7	0.3	197,020	23,802	621	12.1	0.3
Black <sup>3</sup>	37,971	10,136	398	26.7	1.0	38,542	10,732	408	27.8	1.1	38,933	11,220	457	28.8	1.2
Asian <sup>3</sup>	11,655	1,587	185	13.6	1.5	11,955	1,610	191	13.5	1.5	12,139	1,611	204	13.3	1.6
Hispanic <sup>4</sup>	47,729	13,168	575	27.6	1.2	49,134	13,762	643	28.0	1.3	50,150	13,778	630	27.5	1.3
Non-Hispanic	253,151	35,130	766	13.9	0.3	254,412	36,353	788	14.3	0.3	255,121	37,810	830	14.8	0.3
<b>Age</b>															
Under 18 years	73,663	17,206	475	23.4	0.6	74,156	17,837	534	24.1	0.7	74,004	18,183	526	24.6	0.7
18 to 64 years	189,222	28,281	548	14.9	0.3	190,712	29,336	619	15.4	0.3	191,560	30,147	658	15.7	0.3
65 years and over	37,995	2,810	159	7.4	0.4	38,678	2,942	158	7.6	0.4	39,707	3,258	181	8.2	0.5
<b>Sex</b>															
Male	147,389	22,152	463	15.0	0.3	148,750	23,123	556	15.5	0.4	149,860	23,747	539	15.8	0.4
Female	153,491	26,145	550	17.0	0.4	154,797	26,992	613	17.4	0.4	155,411	27,841	647	17.9	0.4
<b>Educational Attainment<sup>5</sup> (people 18 years and over)</b>															
Less than 4 years of high school	28,111	7,938	332	28.2	0.9	26,438	7,712	361	29.2	1.0	25,048	7,418	358	29.6	1.1
High school graduate, no college	59,801	9,376	281	15.7	0.4	61,975	10,068	328	16.2	0.5	63,735	10,914	357	17.1	0.5
One of more years of college	139,305	13,777	349	9.9	0.2	140,977	14,498	388	10.3	0.3	142,483	15,074	394	10.6	0.3
<b>Disability Status (people 15 to 69 years)</b>															
With a work disability	26,456	6,702	250	25.3	0.7	27,268	6,923	272	25.4	0.8	27,956	7,379	299	26.4	0.9
With no work disability	186,944	24,847	532	13.3	0.3	187,778	25,756	585	13.7	0.3	188,243	26,257	608	13.9	0.3
<b>Residence</b>															
Metropolitan	250,795	38,438	1,173	15.3	0.3	251,289	39,278	1,243	15.6	0.4	254,391	40,782	1,214	16.0	0.4
Nonmetropolitan	50,085	9,859	1,129	19.7	1.2	52,257	10,837	1,143	20.7	1.2	50,880	10,806	1,138	21.2	1.1
<b>Region</b>															
Northeast	54,209	7,363	428	13.6	0.8	54,652	7,763	468	14.2	0.9	54,749	8,142	465	14.9	0.9
Midwest	65,675	9,658	393	14.7	0.6	65,941	9,805	424	14.9	0.6	65,998	9,972	459	15.1	0.7
South	110,477	19,701	664	17.8	0.6	111,906	20,308	674	18.1	0.6	112,859	20,922	707	18.5	0.6
West	70,519	11,575	443	16.4	0.6	71,048	12,239	513	17.2	0.7	71,665	12,552	552	17.5	0.8

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<b>Family Status</b>															
In families	249,564	36,277	872	14.5	0.4	251,899	37,673	1,004	15.0	0.4	253,302	38,964	1,000	15.4	0.4
With related children under 18 years	155,912	30,861	845	19.8	0.5	156,861	31,979	973	20.4	0.6	157,142	32,904	989	20.9	0.6
In married-couple families	188,908	17,738	682	9.4	0.4	189,862	18,351	778	9.7	0.4	190,506	19,077	820	10.0	0.4
With related children under 18 years	112,885	14,138	640	12.5	0.5	113,511	14,683	726	12.9	0.6	113,803	15,318	786	13.5	0.7
In families with a female householder, no husband present	46,210	15,764	531	34.1	1.1	47,341	16,506	582	34.9	1.2	48,073	16,980	642	35.3	1.2
With related children under 18 years	34,095	14,426	525	42.3	1.3	34,386	14,950	571	43.5	1.4	34,462	15,210	622	44.1	1.5
In families with a male householder, no wife present	14,446	2,775	240	19.2	1.5	14,696	2,816	245	19.2	1.5	14,723	2,907	244	19.7	1.5
With related children under 18 years	8,932	2,297	221	25.7	2	8,965	2,346	229	26.2	2.1	8,878	2,376	228	26.8	2.2
Unrelated individuals	51,316	12,020	263	23.4	0.5	51,648	12,442	291	24.1	0.5	51,969	12,624	295	24.3	0.6
In non-family households	47,073	10,221	230	21.7	0.5	47,614	10,614	267	22.3	0.6	48,241	10,989	288	22.8	0.6
<b>Employment and Labor Force Status (people 18 years and over)</b>															
Employed absent from work	3,239	704	43	21.7	1.1	2,143	529	40	24.7	1.6	1,946	519	45	26.7	1.8
Employed full-time	106,625	5,453	209	5.1	0.2	106,692	5,688	229	5.3	0.2	107,811	6,191	242	5.7	0.2
Employed part-time	32,984	5,571	187	16.9	0.5	32,286	5,306	190	16.4	0.5	31,778	5,495	193	17.3	0.5
Unemployed	11,702	4,629	167	39.6	1.1	12,532	4,945	185	39.5	1.2	11,404	4,698	194	41.2	1.3
Not in labor force	72,668	14,734	378	20.3	0.5	75,737	15,810	402	20.9	0.5	78,328	16,502	445	21.1	0.5
<b>Marital Status (people 18 years and over)</b>															
Married	124,216	10,259	371	8.3	0.3	123,150	10,202	392	8.3	0.3	122,634	10,555	399	8.6	0.3
Separated, divorced, or widowed	43,003	7,968	240	18.5	0.5	43,642	8,337	244	19.1	0.5	44,048	8,826	286	20.0	0.6
Never married	59,998	12,864	316	21.4	0.5	62,598	13,740	319	21.9	0.5	64,585	14,025	385	21.7	0.6
<b>Family Size</b>															
1 person (unrelated individual)	51,316	12,020	263	23.4	0.5	51,648	12,442	291	24.1	0.5	51,969	12,624	295	24.3	0.6
2 people	72,927	7,196	310	9.9	0.4	71,731	7,130	272	9.9	0.4	70,481	7,584	335	10.8	0.5
3 people	54,168	7,198	384	13.3	0.6	54,486	7,516	381	13.8	0.6	54,955	7,670	416	14.0	0.7
4 people	60,140	8,379	395	13.9	0.6	61,827	8,822	474	14.3	0.7	62,169	8,708	471	14.0	0.7
5 people	34,963	6,924	443	19.8	1.1	36,121	7,197	485	19.9	1.3	37,501	7,980	558	21.3	1.3
6 or more people	27,366	6,580	500	24.0	1.6	27,734	7,008	552	25.3	1.7	28,196	7,022	575	24.9	1.7

<sup>1</sup> Monthly and yearly estimates contain different samples. Average monthly estimates include respondent in the sample for one month, whereas calendar year estimates include people in the sample for 12 months.

<sup>2</sup> A 90 percent confidence interval (C.I.) is a measure of an estimate's variability. The larger the confidence interval in relation to the size of the estimate, the less reliable the estimate.

<sup>3</sup> Federal surveys, including the SIPP 2004 and 2008 Panel, give respondents the option of reporting more than one race. These data can be shown in two ways: (1) as mutually exclusive from other race groups, which may be denoted by "alone" or (2) not mutually exclusive with other race groups, denoted by "alone or in combination with other race groups." The figures, tables, and text in this report show race using the first method.

<sup>4</sup> Hispanics may be any race, data in this report for Hispanics overlap data for racial groups. Data users should exercise caution when interpreting aggregate results for these groups because they consist of many distinct subgroups that differ in socioeconomic characteristics, culture, and recency of immigration.

<sup>5</sup> In the 2004 and 2008 SIPP Panels, educational attainment variables were incorrectly coded for some respondents starting in Wave 2. Corrected files have been rereleased for the 2008 Panel for Waves 2 to 5, and starting in Wave 6, the corrected values were automatically included in the initial person-level data files. Corrected files were also rereleased for Waves 2 to 12 of the 2004 Panel. These estimates reflect those corrections to the educational attainment variables.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation, 2008 Panel. For information on confidentiality protection and sampling and nonsampling error, see <[www.census.gov/sipp/source.html](http://www.census.gov/sipp/source.html)>.